LINES

On an ancient Egyptian harp, "found in one of the famous tombs at Thebes, and which, when the catgut strings upon it were touched, still uttered sounds, although it had been unused for probably three thousand years."-Christian World, June 3, 1870.

Harp of the past, awake! awake! Long hast thou slumbered in the gloom; Come, tell me something of thy life, Ere thou wast laid within the tomb.

Though thirty centuries have passed, Since last thy strings to sound gave birth, A stranger from a distant clime Has now restored thee unto earth.

Say, who was king when thou wast made? Who reigned supreme on Mizraim's throne? Who was thy maker? and who last, As master, called thee his own?

Perchance of Joseph thou hast heard, Who, hidden secrets could reveal; Raised from a prison to a throne, The guardian of a nation's weal.

Say, didst thou sound a note of joy, When great Sesostris homeward rode, Dragging in chains a captive host, Himself the equal of a God?

Mute and unheeded didst thou lie, When echoed shrill through all the land, That sudden wail from countless homes, That felt the Avenging Angel's hand? Or did thy strings a requiem breathe,

When Red Sea waves cast up on shore The corpse so lately full of life, Which now would hear thy voice no more?

Mayhap from thee were often heard Sweet notes, which led the malden train In hymns of praise to Isis fair, Within the many-columned fane.

Perchance the hand of love had struck Thy strings to many a joyjul lay, Ere came the time when earth gave back To earth what she must once repay!

Loved harp! What mourner's hand was laid Once more upon thy quivering string, To chant a requiem for the dead, Whose voice to thee would no more sing?

What waves of conquest o'er thy grave Have rolled, since on the funeral bier By sorrow's hand thou once wast laid; Yet still the world thy voice may hear!

Oh! may my soul, though silent long, And buried in the night of sin, Respond to that Celestial Hand, Which only wakes the fire within!

Like thy mute strings so long untouched, Yet capable of many a lay; May I awake from slumber yet, And serve my God while still I may.

G.W.P.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements made, or opinions expressed by our correspondents.

MR. EDITOR:-You have, from time to one, spoken of the robbing of the graves in our cemeteries of flowers and plants, an have very rightly deplored the fact the there should be those so lost to shame or to thoughtless and unfeeling as to be guily of such a deed.

What think you then of a father's grave being made the theatre for the exhibition of spit and animosity between the children he las left behind? Such a scene took place on Accoration Day in Nuuanu Cemetery, the croumstances being as follows

A grave hadbeen decorated the day previous by a daugster who lovingly removed all weeds and unsightly objects, and placed on the mound a boquet and scattered flowers. The next day-Decoration Day-her sister, another daughter of the dead man whose grave had thus been cared for, learning who had placed the boquet there, seized it and threw it away with an expression of contempt for her who had offered it in memoriam of their common parent!

"There is a hate that doth survive the grave: Blots out the mem'ry of a parent's love__ And makes the one who nurses it, a slave To passions here, unknown in Heaven

A RESPECTFUL SUGGESTION TO THE HAWAIIAN BOARD OF HEALTH.

[FROM A REMINISCENCE.]

The touching address of the leper community at Kakaako to the Sisters who have charge of them, recently published in a contemporary, reminds me of the respect and reverence with which the poor lepers of Tracadie (New Brunswick) once greeted the arrival of the good Sisters of Mercy, who take care of them now. receiving them like angels from heaven, kneeling to them as to saints, so far that a little leper boy was seen genuflecting every time he met a Sister, even though he were running at full speed.

On that country, as on the Hawaiian Islands, God had laid a terrible scourge, bringing sorrow and wailing in its train. And search was made there, as it has now and then been made in these Islands, for the victims of the disease, and the poor unfortunates were confined by force in a place which they regarded as a prison, nay, as worse than a prison, until the good Sisters of Charity arrived. The Board

of Health, like the Hawaiian Board, was generously paying Lills and passing measures; physicians were receiving large recompenses for their visits, and government funds were filtering through many mercenary hands, but still there, as elsewhere, patients were dying in spite of all efforts to check the disease. A young doctor, pronouncing the disease curable, offered to prove the truth of his assertion, and devoted himself to the welfare of the lepers, as our lepers' physician does here; but after several trials he retired in confusion, and Death in his most leathsome form stalked triumphant in Tracadie. Iron bars guarded the windows, high walls closed in the narrow limits of the lepers' yard, men and women were allowed to mix together like sheep, and guard was facing the door. Those suspected of being afflicted with the disease were hunted down and brought to the hated prison by main force. What wonder they became reckless and cared not for the laws of God or man?

So was managed the lepers' settlement of Tracadie, in a little worse way than Kakaako, branch hospital a few months ago, when, on a petition sent to the Legislature, and conceded after discussion of the pros and cons, the Sisters of Mercy of Montreal were invited to come and to act as nurses to the afflicted patients. At their arrival they at once set about improving the condition of the patients, and persuasion took the place of main force for the entrance and residence in the lazaretto. The Sisters had the bars removed from the windows, and the prison walls pulled down. Soap and water, wholesome food and nursing worked won-The sexes were no more allowed to mix together. In a word the whole aspect of things was changed. The gloom of discontent no longer clouded the brow of the leper, who accepted his cross and learned to look beyond it. A chapel had been fitted up where the poor sufferer could offer up to God their daily prayers.

Still there were drawbacks to the perfect working of the institution, because the administration being as before, the supplies had to go through the hands of the steward appointed by the Board of Health. It is only when the entire charge and administration of the hospital were placed by the Government in the hands of the Sisters that all began to go smoothly. And since then the patients are better fed and cared for. They never attempt to go beyond the limits which the Government has allotted to them, nor is there the same difficulty as before in inducing them to enter the lazaretto.

Who now visiting the Kakaako branch hospital and comparing what it is now with what it was before, when all had to pass through the hands of the steward of the Board of Health, would not acknowledge sincerely unless he be prejudiced by a bigot spirit, that the Sisters of Charity, who have charge of Kakaako have done then and continue doing the same good work as the Sisters at Tracadie.

The touching address inserted in the Daly Hawaiian which expresses the feelings of the lepers, plainly shows what a spirit of resignation the so much devoted nurses of Kakaako have instilled in the hearts of these poor sufferers.

Let us then pay one tribute of honor respect and gratitude to the charitable congregation of Syracuse, New York, who has sent here so heartily devoted Sisters to our poor lepers.

And may the Hawaiian Board of Health be as wise as the Dominion Government at Tracadie by placing in the hands of the Sisters of Mercy the entire charge and administration of the hospital. And then the Hawaiian leper like their fellow sufferers of Tracadie shall not liva to be hunted any more by policemen like criminals nor be compelled by force to remain in the hospital. But persuasion will suffice to have them retire from the rest of the community without any bad feelingg aginst it, and live resigned, nay cheerful, in their place of confinement, under the maternal administration of the kind Sisters.

A SINCERE FRIEND OF THE POOR HU-

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, HONOLULU, H. I., June 4, 1884.

To the Editor of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser:

SIR:- I am very much surprised to see, in your issue of this morning, an article headed "A Respectful Suggestion to the Hawaiian Board of Health," which sets forth the circumstances connected with the treatment of lepers at our Branch Hospital as compared with the treatment of lepers at Tracadie, in New Brunswick.

In conclusion the writer says, "May the Hawaiian Board of Health be as wise as the Dominion Government at Tracadie by placing in the hands of the Sisters of Mercy the entire charge and administration of the Hospital." The writer seems to be by Alfred C. Rowson.

a foreigner not perfect in the English language, and a stranger to these Islands by his reference to a "Hawaiian Beard of Health," and evidently not well acquainted with what he discusses when he speaks of "Sisters of Mercy," instead of "Sisters of Charity."

The suggestion of your correspondent that "the entire charge and administration of the Branch Hospital should be put in the hands of the Sisters has already been carried out, both at Kakaako and at Wailuku, Maui, by the Board of Health; so that at both hospitals, the Sisters of Charity have entire charge and command of the work with no interference from any other authority, except that it is required that their bills shall be approved as correct by the Board of Health before payment, and also that, as nurses, they are subject to the instructions of the hespital physicians.

In all other respects these Sisters are at perfect liberty to carry out the details of the work put under their charge according to their judgment, and in accordance with their spirit of charity, without being interfered with or being answerable to anyone except as above.

> I remain, Yours Respectfully, G. W. PARKER, Sec'y to the Board of Health.

HEWITT'S TARIFF BILL.

Hewitt introduced a tariff bill in the House on the 12th May, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and there it seems likely to re. pose for the remainder of the session. The gentleman from New York has never regarded the late Morrison bill with approval, and he only voted for its consideration as a matter of party duty. Morrison, on the other hand, thinks his bill was a much better one than the one now proposed by Hewitt, and the chairman is therefore opposed to its consideration by the committee. Blackburn is of the same opinion, and Hurd does not favor the new bill, though he would do so if it were practicable to pass one. Hewitt, Jones and Mills think that an attempt to pass the new bill should be made. These gentlemen, however, form a minority of the committee. Hewitt believes that all the Democrats who voted for the Morrison bill would vote for his measure, and he thinks that several Democrats from Pennsylvania and Ohio who voted to strike out the enacting clause of the old bill will support the new one. Herbert, one of the members of the committee who attended a conference at Hewitt's rooms, Saturday night, said to your correspondent to-day, "I don't say that we can pass the Hewitt bill, but it is in my judgment worth the attempt. I think with a few changes the bill may be made acceptable to several of the protectionist Democrats who voted against us last week. Whether the committee will take action on the bill is for future consideration. There is opposition to it, but I believe its friends | managers. could demonstrate their ability to pass it. There would be trouble in getting favorable report. I think the protection Democrats are beginning to feel that the vote on the Morrison bill placed them in an embarrassing position, from which quite a number of them would gladly retreat if we would give them a chance. I hear that the protection Democrats will soon issue an address to the country, explaining their reasons for voting as they did on

Morrison's bill," Your correspondent asked Representative Post of Pennsylvania if there was any truth in the story about issuing an address. "Not a word of truth," he replied. "I hope our opponents give us credit for a little more common sense. Everybody who reads knows why we opposed the Morrison bill, and there is no necessity for explanation,"

"Do you think the Hewitt bill would be supported by many of the Democrats who voted against the Morrison bill?"

"I do not; but something would probably depend on the shape in which the bill was reported from the committee. I do not think there is the slightest reason to believe that there will be any serious attempt to agitate the subject of the tariff again this session. The opponents of the agitation are united, and they will be able to prevent it."-S. F. Call.

Professor Janssen, of Frankfort, chiefly known as the author of a German history, has, according to the German clerical journals been appointed Chief Archivist to the Pope.

Mr. Stanford is about to publish Bordighera and the Western Rivers, by Frederick Fitzroy Hamilton, translated from the French with additional matter and notes,

Advertisements.

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THE 13TH AND 14TH OF JUNE.

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HAVING been promised a suitable site for the purpose, will erect commodious and substantial buildings at the Parke for the reception of stock and other exhibits, and will provide every necessary convenience for exhibitors and for the public. Full details of these will be made known through the press as the arrangements progress. Ample room will, through the liberality of the Directors of the Kapiolani Park Association, be available for the display of all classes of exhibits, and also for showing stock to advantage outside their stalls.

Schedule of Prizes:

DIVISION I .- NEAT CATTLE.

1 Best imported Bull, Durham., 2 Best imported Bull, Hereford. 3 Best imported Bull, Angus.

4 Best imported Bull, Jersey. Best imported Bull, Holstein.

Besti mported Bull, Ayrshire. Best native Bull, Durham, over 2 years old. Best native Bull, Durham, under 2 years old.

9 Best native Bull, Hereford.

10 Best native Bull, Argus. 11 Best native Bull, Holstein.

12 Best native Cow. Durham. 13 Best native Cow, Jersey.

14 Best native Cow, of any other breed. 15 Best imported Cow of any breed.

16 Best yoke of native working Oxen. 17 Best native fat Steer.

18 Second best native fat Steer. 19 Best native Heifer, under 2 years old.

20 Best native Heifer, over 2 years old. 21 Best Milch Cow, imported or native.

DIVISION II.-HORSES. Best imported Stallion for carriage use. Second best imported Stallion for carriage use.

3 Best imported Stallion for draft use. Best imported Stallion for saddle use Second best imported Stallion for saddle use

6 Best native Stallion, over 4 years old. 7 Best native Stallion, under 4, and over 2 years

Best native Stallion, 2 years old and under. 9 Best native Filly, over 2 years old.

10 Best native Filly, under 2 years old. 11 Best native Mare, 3 years old or over.

12 Best native Mare and foal. 13 Second best native Mare and foal. 14 * Best native saddle animal, horse or mare.

15 * Second best native saddle animal, horse or mare.

16 * Best native carriage animal, horse or mare, 17 Best imported Mare.

18 * Best pair of native carriage Horses. 19 Best imported Jack.

20 Best native Mule.

21 * Best imported carriage animal, horse or 22 * Best imported racing Stallion, thoroughbred.

N. B -The paces of the animals marked with * must be exhibited when required by the DIVISION III-SHEEF.

1 Best imported Ram (for wool).

2 Second best imported Ram (for wool) 3 Best imported Ram (for mutton). 4 Second best imported Ram (for mutton) 5 Best two'imported Ewes. 6 Second best two imported Ewes. Best native Ram.

8 Second best native Ram. 9 Best two native Ewes. 0 Best three Fleeces, native.

DIVISION IV-SWINE.

Best imported Boar. 2 Second best imported Swine. 3 Best imported Sow.

4 Second best imported Sow. 5 Best native Sow 6 Second best native Sow. Best litter of Pigs under 10 months old, native

8 Best fat Pig, native. 9 Second best fat Pig, native.

DIVISION V-POULTRY. 1 Best white Leghorn; rooster and 2 hens. Best brown Leghorn ; rooster and 2 hens.

Best black Spanish; rooster and 2 hens. Best Dominic; rooster and 2 hens. Best game fowl; rooster and 2 bens Best three domestic Geese.

7 Best pair native Geese. 8 Best pair any other breed. 9 Best 3 Muscovy Ducks. 10 Best 3 Aylesbury Ducks.

11 Best 3 Canton Ducks. 12 Best 3 Turkeys. 13 Best 3 varieties of Pigeons

DIVISION VI-DOGS.

1 Best Setter 3 Best Pointer Best Spaniel

Best Retriever (water spaniel)

Best Greyhound 8 Best Skye Terrier 9 Best Irish Terrier 10 Best Scotch Terrier

6 Best Sheep Dog

11 Best English Terrier 12 Best Fox Terrier 13 Best Bull Terrier 14 Best Mastiff

15 Best Newfoundland. Also for other meritorious exhibits, at the discretion of the judges.

DIVISION VII.-FISH. 1 Best specimen fresh water Fish \ not native to 2 Second best " " " (the country 2 Second best " " " "

DIVISION VIII-DAIRY PRODUCE. 1 Best Firkin of Butter, 10ths or more 2 Second best Firkin of Butter, 10ths or more 3 Best pound of Butter, the exhibitors being house-keepers, and making their own butter

4 Second best do. 5 Best Cheese. 6 Second best do

DIVISION IX-DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES 1 Best Mats 2 Best Hats 3 Best Kapa

5 Best Bowls of Wood and of Cocoanut. 6 Best Ornaments: Kukui Shell and others

7 Best Artificial Flowers and Wreaths 8 Rest Carving on Wood or Stone

9 Best Saddle 10 Best Harness

11 Best Horse Shoes 12 Best Carriage 13 Best Wagon 14 Best Piece of Furniture of Hawaiian Wood, and

DIVISION X .- AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. CLASS I-PRODUCTS AS MANUFACTURED FOR

best of any other homemade exhibit of merit.

est washed Sugar 2 Best unwashed Sugar

3 Best Rice, 50ths or more

4 Best Coffee, 50hs or more 5 Best Exhibit of Fibre from any native or intro-

duced plant grown here 6 Best Exhibit of any kind of dried or preserved. fruit grown in this country .

GLASS II-SUGAR CANES OR OTHER PRODUCTS. 1 Best bundle of Sugar Cane

2 Second best bundle of Sugar Cane

3 Largest collection of different varieties of Sugar

4 Best single stick of Sugar Cane

5 Best Kalo

6 Second best Kalo 7 Greatest number of varieties of Kalo

8 Best Rice in ear, or Paddy 9 Best Sweet Potatoes

10 Best Irish Potatoes 11 Best Peanuts Or best of any other product of merit

CLASS III-FORAGE, FIBROUS AND HEDGE PLANTS. 1 For the greatest variety of Forage Plants, representing fields of not less than one acre

2 For the introduction of any useful foreign forage plant proved to succeed in any part of this 4 For the best Hedge Plant proved to thrive in

this country; hedge must to be at least 100 feet long, and the plant must not have the objectionable characteristics as the Ltntana and Mimose. (Specimen plants of the above to be exhibited at show.)

DIVISION XI-HORTICULTURE.

CLASS I-USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL TREES AND PLANTS.

1 Best collection of Foreign Trees, suitable for

2 Best collection of native Forest Trees 3 Best collection of Palms. 4 Best collection of Hibisci

5 Best collection of Dracaenas 6 Best collection of colored leaf Bigonias 7 Best collection of Crotons

Best collection of Ferns 9 Best half-dozen Ferns 10 Best single Fern

11 Best collection of Caladiums 12 Best general collection of Plants, and any other meritorious exhibit of Plants not mentioned in the above list

CLASS II-CUT FLOWERS. 1 Best Bouquet of Flowers

2 Second best Bouquet of Flowers 3 Best Bouquet of Roses

4 Second best Bouquet of Roses 5 Best single Rose 6 Best Geraniums

7 Best Carnations 8 Best Gladeoli 9 Best Pansies

10 Best Fuschias 11 Best Dahlias

12 Best Bigonias 13 Best Pinks 14 Any other exhibit of Flowers of merit

15 Best exhibit of pressed Mosses, Ferns, and other

CLASS UI-FRUITS.

I Best bunch of Bananas 2 Largest collection of different varieties of

3 Best Oranges

4 Best Cocoanuts 5 Best Grapes 6 Best Pine Apples

7 Best Alligator Pears 8 Best Mangoes

9 Best Peaches 10 Best Figs 11 Best Breadfruit

12 Best Guavas 13 Best Citrons

14 Best Lemons 15 Best Limes 16 Best Loquats

17 Best Vis 18 Best Chremoya 19 Best Dates

20 Best Water Melons 21 Best Musk Melons 22 Best Basket assorted Fruits

23 And any other exhibit of merit.

CLASS IV-VEGETABLES 1 Best asparagus

2 Best Peas 3 Best Carrots

4 Best Turnips 5 Best Cabbages

6 Best Cauliflowers

7 Best Pumpkins 8 Best Squash

9 Best Beans

10 Best Egg Fruit 11 Best Radishes

16 Best Lettuce

12 Best Kohlrabi 13 Best Celery 14 Best Tomatoe 15 Best Pepper

17 Best basket assorted Vegetables And any other Exhibit of merit not mentioned in DIVISION XII.—AGRICULTURAL IMPLE-

MENTS AND MACHINERY. Prizes wil be given for the best Exhibits of Im plements and Machinery specially adapted to the agricultural industries of these Islands, and to the preparation of our agricultural products for exportation, and especially for new inventions of value in this department.

The following extracts from the Rules of the Society are published for the information of those

who have not yet become members: Rule V. Any person may become a member of the Society by an annual payment of five dollars. Rule XIII. The payment of one hundred dollars in one sum to the Society shall constitute the donor

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